

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

FY13 CCPI Forestry

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: FY13 CCPI Forestry		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the project located in a stronghold watershed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the project located in an watershed impaired for both N & P above the 50th percentile?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is Landowner a beginning, limited resource, or small and disadvantaged farmer?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the landowner have history of active management thru a current forest stewardship plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Has the landowner demonstrated active management on parcel.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will implementing the practice result in achieving a higher management level of a conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will the activity aid in the restoration of native plant communities or Will the activity establish and/or advance the growth of desired native species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the activity enhance, protect or restore habitats that benefit rare, threatened or endangered species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will the activity result in the reforestation of contiguous forest?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will the activity create, protect, or enhance forested corridors between existing forests?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will the activity help meet regulatory requirements for noxious weed control (in conjunction with native plant community restoration)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Will the activity occur adjacent to existing forest?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Does the applicant have an existing riparian "Forest" buffer or will one be implemented within the EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. For livestock exclusion and fencing, will it protect forested areas and buffers?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Does the applicant have a forest stewardship plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Has the applicant had a contract terminated in the last 3 years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. In the last 3 years, has the applicant completed all previous Farm Bill contracts without any terminations, cancellations, requests to cancel, or not had any contracts at all?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the applicant have a conservation plan that contains the practice they are applying for?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the applicant on schedule for all practices in active contracts?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: